

# Cultural Council Minutes

April 21, 2010

**Present:** Emily Hanna, Amy Whittenburg, Margit Moore, Rebecca Devere, Jeff Parks, Sheila Mickool, Melissa Nelson, GG Getz, Erik Gordon, Bhaj Townsend, Cathy Heffron, Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff) Julie Huffman (staff)

**Absent:** Kathy Feek, Leah Kliger, Bob Larson,

## MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes were reviewed. GG made motion to approve, motion seconded, motion carried. Melissa will be the meeting summarizer.

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

### Budget Update

Staff member Julie Huffman reported that there is just over \$2000 left of funding for the year (\$2086.33).

### Staff Report

Ellen Miller-Wolfe reported on several items. She is assisting Elsa with the library exhibit project, and issues the City may need to consider. 4Culture has approached us about an economic impact study--Leah will be following up on it. Kirkland Art Center is competing with other historic landmarks for funding—the public can vote daily. The tourism artist profile website should be active in June or July. Ellen made a presentation to the City Council on Economic Development, including the Cultural Council and Tourism. In discussing the workplan of the Cultural Council, the issue of the Foundation came up. The Council has requested a staff report on the issue which will go into their reading file. The report recommends the council discuss funding/staffing of the Cultural Council as well as the issue of the foundation. The Council discussed previous mandates from the City Council for the Cultural Council to fund itself, and whether that will continue to be the desire of the Council. Others feel that there is no separation between the Cultural Council and the City.

### Guest

Kirkland Uncorked—Phil Meganhart present from Bold Hat to discuss the art displayed at Kirkland Uncorked. The art portion has evolved over time and the Kirkland Arts Center is providing the art this year. KAC is working with I Heart Indie.

King County Library—Elsa Steele present from the KCLS to present a new project called READ where they would like to place large displays of book cover art in places that have a lot of foot traffic. Elsa would like the Council to e-mail her with ideas of potential sites and contacts for that site if possible.

### Minute for the Arts

Margit described the Washington State curriculum for the arts. GG recommends that ArtsEd Washington come as a guest at a future meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Kirkland CACHET

The committee brainstormed ideas for the next CACHET event—one idea is to have it at Studio East in the Fall. They also considered the economic impact study from 4Culture. The committee will send out a survey to those who attended the event to get their feedback, and in the future may list subject topics for people to choose from.

### Foundation

The foundation committee is researching possible ways to combine an arts and community foundation, including meeting with the Redmond foundation and looking at umbrella models. They are awaiting more direction from the City Council.

### Artilizing Kirkland

The committee has developed a packet of information that includes sample contracts, examples from other cities, and a template developed by Rebecca on pop-up art stores. Rebecca is opening another pop-up art shop starting April 30<sup>th</sup>. The City Council would like to see an electronic version of this packet. Amy reported on a funding opportunity for live/work spaces that she will provide to the foundation and artilizing committee.

### Public/Private Art

Members were not present to report on this.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cathy reported on the Seattle Art Museum's program where museum curators meet in various neighborhoods to discuss their exhibits. Council discussed the possibility of hosting them in Kirkland. A question was raised as to whether the Cultural Council should be supporting a Seattle art venue. There will be more discussion on this topic in the future.

Margit suggested selling Kirkland t-shirts at the Kirkland Wednesday Market, potentially having a contest for the design.